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TOPIC <u>Korps Sued of the KVP</u>		
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1. During the night of 18/19 February 1955, air exercises, in connection with AAA firing practices, were reportedly observed at the Weiswasser training grounds. Training activities at the training grounds started again in early March.¹
2. Between 4 and 6 March, major exercises, which involved Soviet and KVP units, were allegedly held in the Eisleben area.²
3. At 0430 on 12 March, a shipment of 6 flatcars with sideracks, 4 boxcars with billeting equipment and 2 field kitchens and 10 boxcars with KVP personnel, which arrived from the direction of Riesa, was unloaded at the Dresden-Friedrichstadt railroad station.³ 25X1
4. On 24 March, KVP soldiers wearing red-bordered black and blue collar patches were seen in the barracks installation on Georgewitzerstrasse in Loebau. The installation was occupied by an estimated 2,000 men. Small details were seen marching between the installation and the Loebau hill; other details received instruction on 2 x 82-mm mortars at the athletic field opposite the installation. At 1530, 1 armored scout car with 4 men and 4 signal trucks left the installation and went toward the town.⁴
5. Between 10 and 26 March, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg was occupied by an estimated 3,000 KVP soldiers with blue service color. No arrivals or departures of personnel were observed. On 10, 12, 16, 18, 22 and 26 March, firing with pistols and rifles was practiced at the installation and exercises at squad and platoon level were observed at the training grounds. Individual T-34 tanks were seen in the vicinity of the installation and on the roads to Forst and Weiskow. On 19 March, 3 trucks mounting 12.7-mm AA machine guns were seen on the post and 1 truck occupied by 20 KVPs wearing blue service color and 1 trailer carrying 6 x 12.7-mm machine guns were seen en route from the installation toward Graustein. Four armored personnel carriers or armored scout cars were seen entering the installation.⁵

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6. During the second half of March, no changes were observed in the Artillerie Kaserne in Weissenfels.

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1. Comment. Since many return shipments to the posts of the Mecz Div Dresden were reported after mid-March, it is believed that units of this division had practiced at the training grounds.* The discharge of personnel of this division presumably also started in early April.

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2. Comment. Units of the Mtz Rifle Div Halle may have participated in these exercises.

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3. Comment. Since engineer exercises were also observed in the Riesa area in 1954, these may have been elements of the Engr Bn of the Mecz Div Dresden.

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4. Comment. The 82-mm mortars and the vehicles observed are believed to have belonged to the 3d Mecz Regt of the Mecz Div Dresden. The mortar regiment, personnel of which is wearing red-bordered black collar patches, is equipped with 120-mm mortars.

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5. Comment. The medium tank regiment, the Hv Tank SP Regt and the Tank Tng Bn of the Mecz Div Dresden are stationed in Spreenberg.

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